

FORT CHERRY ELEMENTARY CHALKBOARD

ATTENTION PARENTS.....

Easter Break/In-Service

There will be NO SCHOOL

April 18-21 for

Easter Break.

NO SCHOOL on April 22nd for

In-Service Day.

Students are to return to school on

April 23rd

Fort Cherry Elementary Center



110 Fort Cherry Road
McDonald, PA 15057
724.796.1551 phone

Dear 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Families,

This letter is to inform you that your child(ren) will be taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). The PSSA's are a statewide testing system designed to assess each child's ability within their given grade level. The information obtained from the assessments serves as valuable tools for planning future school programs, developing curriculum and in-service training of teachers, informing the public about student achievement, and gaining our school's School Performance Profile Score. Each assessment will yield individual student reports, as well as school, district, and state data.

The following is the 2023 Fort Cherry Elementary Testing Schedule:

Grade 3-6	PSSA English Language Arts	April 23, 24, & 25	9:15 – 11:00
Grade 3-6	PSSA Math	April 28 & 29	9:15 – 11:00
Grade 4	PSSA Science	April 30 & May 1	9:15 – 11:00

Due to the importance of every child's participation during the assessment dates, we ask that parents attempt to have their child(ren) at school on time, do not dismiss them during testing times for any appointments, and make the school aware of extenuating circumstances that may interfere with attendance during the above dates.

In addition, all students will have as much as needed throughout the designated school day to complete the test section being administered. Any student not finishing by 11:00 will be moved to an overflow room for test completion. Due to the strict security rules elicited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, no student is allowed to have any electronic devices in the testing area. Therefore, no electronic devices other than school-issued devices will be allowed out at school for the dates listed above (ie: smart watches & cell phones). If a student does not abide by this rule disciplinary action will be taken. This does NOT apply to diabetic devices.

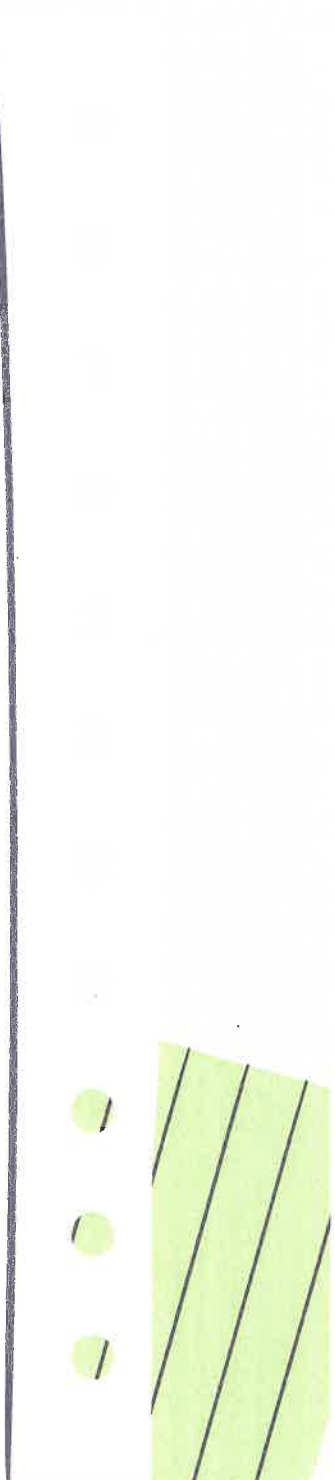

Parents may assist their child(ren) in preparing for the assessments by encouraging them to get plenty of sleep the night before and providing a healthy breakfast the morning of the testing. We will be offering breakfast as well. Also, parents can reassure their child(ren) that the assessment gives them an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and help teachers develop appropriate instruction. They should put forth their best effort.

Additional information from the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding the PSSA is attached. If you have any further questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Amy Oberly, Guidance Counselor, at 724-796-1551 ext. 2271.



Let's rock this test, Rangers!





**The last day of
morning tutoring is
Wednesday, April 16th.**

Thanks for attending!


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Kindergarten



**Fort Cherry School District
2025-2026**

Kindergarten Registration Dates

**If your child will be attending kindergarten at
Fort Cherry Elementary Center for the 2025-2026 school year,
please save these dates...**

Thursday, March 13th, 6:00-7:30 PM

Pre-registration will be online **beginning January 27, 2025** – instructions and information will be given to help parents/guardians complete the documents & we will complete the
Getting Ready for Kindergarten Session #1



Wednesday, April 16th, 6:00-7:30 PM

Pre-registration will be online **beginning January 27, 2025** – instructions and information will be given to help parents/guardians complete the documents & we will complete the
Getting Ready for Kindergarten Session #2

[Each "Getting Ready" session is different, please plan on attending both sessions.]

Wednesday, June 18th

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



Screenings (appointment needed)

Please complete online registration **before** the kindergarten screenings.

To make a screening appointment, please call (724) 796-1551 ext. 2000

Share this information with family and friends who may have children ready for kindergarten.

(Child must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2025)

Fort Cherry PTO Bingo at The Red Fox!



This event benefits Fort Cherry PTO!

Thursday May 1st Doors open at 5PM, games begin at 7PM!

We NEED YOUR HELP!

Basket donations are needed. Please contact Jacquelyn for questions. (724) 678-8518.

Basket ideas:

- **Chocolate Lover:** Assorted chocolates, hot cocoa mix, a cozy blanket, and a mug.
- **Tea Time:** A selection of teas, honey, biscuits, and a teapot.
- **Charcuterie Board:** A selection of cheeses, meats, crackers, and fruits.
- **Spa Day:** Bath bombs, scented candles, a soft robe, and a face mask.
- **Cozy Night In:** A blanket, a book, a mug of hot chocolate, and a scented candle.
- **Movie Night:** Popcorn, candy, a blanket, and a DVD or streaming service gift card.
- **Garden Lover:** Seeds, gardening tools, a small potted plant, and a trowel.
- **Staycation:** A gift certificate for a local spa or restaurant, a book, and a cozy robe.
- **Home Decor:** A candle, a picture frame, and a small plant.

ANY IDEAS ARE WELCOME!

THANK YOU!!

Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS

CLASSES OFFERED IN BETHEL PARK, PITTSBURGH, and ON CAMPUS

Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners

Your child will learn to read in this exciting program! Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words while developing a real love of books. By the end of the program your child will read simple words and sentences and be confident about reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders

Your child will learn to read independently in this fun program. Students learn the most important first grade reading skills—phonics, sight words and comprehension—and develop a love of reading. Your child will start the school year confident, enthusiastic, and ready to succeed!

Program for Entering 2nd Graders

In this fun program, your child will become a confident, enthusiastic reader! Children build strong phonics skills and improve reading fluency and comprehension. Your child will develop a love of reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders

In this fun program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader who loves books. Children improve decoding skills, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary, so they start third grade confident about reading and excited to learn!

Program for Entering 4th and 5th Graders

In this fun and effective program, your child will become a more skilled, confident reader! Students improve comprehension and fluency in fiction and nonfiction and expand their vocabulary. As a result, your child will complete homework more easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Program for Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

In this program, your child will become a stronger reader and a more confident, motivated student. Students double reading speed and improve comprehension and focus in fiction and nonfiction, both in print and online. Your child will expand vocabulary and learn note-taking, test-taking, and study strategies that result in higher grades and test scores.

Program for Entering 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders

This program will set your son or daughter up for academic success in high school. Students learn to read twice as fast and increase comprehension and focus in fiction and nonfiction, both in print and online. They expand vocabulary and develop effective study and test-taking strategies, leading to better exam scores and higher grades.

Program for Entering 12th Graders and College Students

This program prepares students to excel academically in college. In this online program, students double their reading speed, increase focus, and improve comprehension for both print and digital materials. They develop strategies to study efficiently, improve their grades, and score higher on exams.

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UNIVERSITY

Phonics
Fluency

Comprehension

Love of Reading

Study Skills

Reading Speed

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
Call 1-800-499-8557

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CLASS SCHEDULE



Class Schedule

All programs meet once each week. Tuition varies by grade level. Please ask about our family discount.

Programs meet in **Bethel Park (B)** at Bethel Park Community Center, 5151 Park Avenue,
in **Pittsburgh (P)** on campus at Chatham University, Shadyside Campus,
and in **Pittsburgh (McCandless) (M)** at La Roche University, 9000 Babcock Boulevard.

Additional programs available at other locations and online.

4-Year-Olds & Entering Kindergartners:

Sat. June 14-July 19, 9:30am-10:45am (B)
Sun. June 15-July 20, 9:00am-10:15am (P)
Sat. July 26-August 23, 9:00am-10:15am (P)
Sun. July 27-August 24, 9:00am-10:15am (M)

Entering 1st Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 19, 11:00am-12:15pm (B)
Sun. June 15-July 20, 10:30am-11:45am (P)
Sat. July 26-August 23, 10:30am-11:45am (P)
Sun. July 27-August 24, 10:30am-11:45am (M)

Entering 2nd Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 19, 1:15pm-2:30pm (B)
Sun. June 15-July 20, 12:45pm-2:00pm (P)
Sat. July 26-August 23, 12:45pm-2:00pm (P)
Sun. July 27-August 24, 12:45pm-2:00pm (M)

Entering 3rd Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 19, 2:45pm-4:00pm (B)
Fri. July 25-August 22, 9:00am-10:15am (P)
Sat. July 26-August 23, 2:15pm-3:30pm (P)
Sun. July 27-August 24, 2:15pm-3:30pm (M)

Entering 4th and 5th Graders:

Mon. June 16-July 14, 9:30am-10:45am (B)
Thu. July 24-August 21, 9:00am-10:15am (M)
Fri. July 25-August 22, 10:30am-11:45am (P)

Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders:

Mon. June 16-July 14, 11:00am-12:15pm (B)
Thu. July 24-August 21, 10:30am-11:45am (M)
Fri. July 25-August 22, 12:45pm-2:00pm (P)

Entering 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders:

Mon. June 16-July 14, 1:15pm-2:30pm (B)
Thu. July 24-August 21, 12:45pm-2:00pm (M)
Fri. July 25-August 22, 2:15pm-3:30pm (P)

Entering 12th Graders and College Students:

Sat. June 14-July 19, 12:00pm-1:15pm
Sun. June 15-July 20, 12:00pm-1:15pm

Programs are offered by **Chatham University, College of Arts and Science: Education Department**.
Programs are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

Call 1-800-499-8557

Mon.-Fri. 8am-10pm, Sat. 8am-7pm, and Sun. 10am-6pm

INQUIRE EARLY! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.

Midway Community Easter Egg Hunt



- When:** April 19, 2025 at Noon
- Where:** Midway Community Park at 304 Noblestown Road, Midway, PA (*Rain or Shine*)
- What:** Easter Egg Hunt for children up to age 12
Hot Dogs, Nachos, French Fries, and Popcorn
Drawing for one of many Gift Cards
Bouncy Houses
ALL FREE!!
- Who:** All are invited!

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Robinson at 724-255-1695

Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Midway
www.fbcmidway.com



FIRSTBAPTIST
Come Grow with Us





April 16, 2025

Dear Helping Hands Families,

Center United Presbyterian Church in Midway has again graciously offered to continue the **Helping Hands** program over the summer months. If you wish to participate please **OPT-IN** by completing and returning the bottom portion of this form.

Pick-up will be Friday, June 20th and Friday, July 18th from 6:30-7:30 PM. The pickup location will be at Center UP Church, 110 Washington Avenue, Midway. There is a parking lot off of North Main Street. Boxes can be picked up in the basement of Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions please contact Jill Sims at 412-352-3460 or Dan Hillberry at 724-231-8355.

Thank you and have a fun and safe summer!



Please complete this form and return it to FC Elementary Center by Thursday, May 22nd. You may also email or call Brianne Eiler to be added to this program at beiler@fortcherry.org 724-796-1551 ext. 2003. We will share your information with the Church.

☐ YES, I am interested in participating in the Center UP Church Summer Food program.

Please list all children living in the household and their ages:

(Name/Age)

(Name/Age)

(Name/Age)

(Name/Age)

(Name/Age)

(Name/Age)

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Signature _____

Phone Number _____

The background of the poster is a teal color with various Easter-themed illustrations. There are several orange rabbits, yellow and orange patterned Easter eggs, white dandelion-like seed heads, and small yellow and orange flowers scattered throughout.

Mount Pleasant Township

EASTER EGG HUNT

Please RSVP to Becca Farner 724-678-3430

**Saturday
April 19th
10:00 AM**

**Mt. Pleasant
Township
31 McCarrell Rd
Hickory, PA 15340**

**> Please bring a container to collect
eggs/snacks <**

**CELEBRATE THE END OF THE YEAR
AT
SKY ZONE**



MAY 22ND, 2025

6:00 - 8:00

SKY ZONE TRAMPOLINE PARK

281 GEORGETOWN RD

CANONSBURG, PA 15317

SHOW THIS FLYER AND A PORTION OF ALL SALES WILL GO TO THE FORT CHERRY PTO



SKY ZONE®

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Washington County Children & Youth Services



**We know that
raising a family can
be challenging at
times.**

In 2024 our team did
A LOT to support the
families in
Washington County!

Our team successfully:

- Served over 3,000 youth/over 1,500 families.
- Provided on-going support and resources to nearly 1,400 kids/325 families.
- Distributed 414 Beverly's Birthday Boxes to youth.

Provided:

The agency assisted families with necessities to ensure the safety and well-being of children, while keeping families together. We provided: 150 beds, 25 dressers, 14 cribs, 34 pack 'n plays, 45 alarms and clothing and personal care items

Our Prevention Unit:

- Served 550 kids/300 families with meeting basic needs by accessing resources.
- Successfully prevented the need for continued agency involvement.

Efforts:

Through these efforts, nearly 90% of the children served were safely maintained in their natural home. Let us be a part of your village. Please contact us if we can assist your family!

www.washingtoncountyhumanservices.com 724-228-6884

McDonald Boro 2025 Summer Tennis Clinics

Harry Collins Tennis Courts - Heritage Park - McDonald, Pennsylvania

Summer 2025 Tennis Clinic Schedule

Tuesday Dates	Thursday Dates
June 10	June 12
June 17	June 19
June 24	June 26
July 01	July 03
July 08	July 10
July 15	July 17
July 22	July 24
July 29	July 31
August 05	August 07

No clinics during June 30 - July 6. The denoted clinics will be used for make-ups if necessary.

Clinic Details

1	5-6 Years	Learning to Play Tennis	10:00-11:00 AM
2	7-9 Years	Basic Fundamental Skills	11:00-12:00 PM
3	10-12 Years	Strong Fundamental Skills	12:00-1:00 PM
4	13-17 Years	Skills & Some Match Play	2:30-3:30 PM
5	High School	Match Experience	3:30-5:00 PM
6	18+	Any Tennis Experience	6:00-7:30 PM

Cost

\$80 per child

\$40 for each additional child

\$85 per adult

\$125 for Clinics 4 & 5 together

Make checks payable to: Kumar Simms (Call or text 412-641-9461 for more info)

Cut here and Mail to:

McDonald Borough

151 School Street

McDonald, PA 15057

Registration Form

Name of Participant: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Age: _____ Grade Level (if applicable): _____

Clinic Numbers: _____

Previously participated? Yes / No If yes, how long? _____

Do you have experience playing tennis? Yes / No

Signature: _____

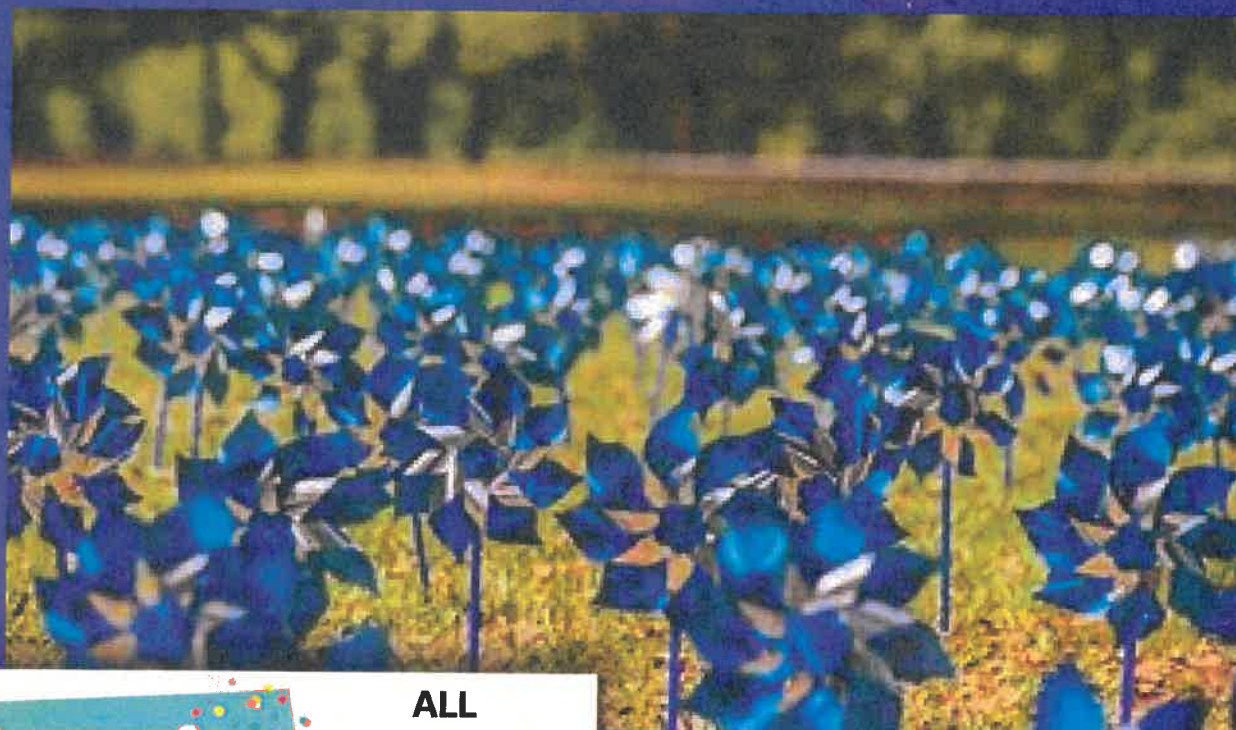
Date: _____



WASHINGTON COUNTY
CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES



5K Run/Walk



**ALL
PROCEEDS
WILL BENEFIT
BEVERLY'S
PGH.**

Join us for a 5K Run/Walk
in honor of Child Abuse
Prevention Month.

April 27, 2025 Mingo Creek Park

**Registration begins at 11am
Race starts at 12pm**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER.

**QUESTIONS? CALL AMANDA GOLKOSKY AT
724-228-6962**



Fort Cherry Golf Club Junior Golf Program



Welcome to the 2025 Fort Cherry Golf Club Junior Golf Program. This program is designed utilizing the American Developmental Model and shaped by the PGA of America. The program is designed for fun, health, safety and learning. The student teacher ratio will be 12—1 and will feature classes created utilizing age levels. We will ensure this ratio by offering as many class times as needed to insure the 12—1 ratio.

LESSONS WILL FEATURE

- Skill Based Instruction
- Athletic Motion Activities
- Skill Games and Skill Assessment
- Weekly Lesson Plans
- On Course Instruction
- Equipment Provided

SESSION DATES

JUNE 9, JUNE 16, JUNE 23, JUNE 30, AND JULY 7

(Lesson length is 50 Minutes per Session) – (Lesson Times Will Be Between 8 AM and 5 PM)

(OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AGES 5—16)

REGISTRATION FORM

CHILDREN'S INFORMATION AS OF MAY 1, 2025

NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

PARENTS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

FEE—\$120.00

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO ANONYMOUS BENEFACTOR THE 2025 FEE IS \$60.00

If you have questions or wish to enroll you child/children in the program, please call 724-926-4181. Enrollment limited to first 120 participants. Enrollment may be completed over the phone, or you may return enrollment in person.

Rich Conwell
PGA Professional
Fort Cherry Golf Club

80 Fort Cherry Road,
Mc Donald, PA 15057
Phone: (724) 926-4181

T B C R O B I N S O N

FLAG FOOTBALL



SKILLS CAMP

GRADES 1-8

BEGINNING JUNE 10



REGISTER AT BIBLECHAPEL.ORG/ROBINSON





PARKWAY WEST CTC

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

SUMMER CAMP

When:

**Tuesday June 17th &
Wednesday June 18th**

Who:

**All students entering
grades 6-8 are welcome**

Time:

**8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Lunch Provided**

Details:

**Students choose two
programs to experience**

Cost:

\$10 *This total fee covers the cost
of supplies for your student.*

Registration Open March 4, 2025

Registration Closes May 30, 2025

Summer Camp Program Offerings

- Automotive Technology
- Auto Body Repair
- Carpentry
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Diesel Technology
- Electrical Systems Technology
- Graphic Arts & Production Technology
- Healthcare Occupations Technology
- HVAC/R
- Power Motorsports
- Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Therapy
- Veterinary Assistant Technology
- Welding & Fabrication



*Scan the QR Code or Register by
visiting www.parkwaywest.org*

Parkway West Career & Technology Center | 7101 Steubenville Pike | Oakdale, PA 15071 | 412-923-1772